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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 29 October 1980

The DDCI was in the chair. []

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[] commented on an article in the 29 October State Summary which said that based on new evidence, State would have to reduce its initial estimate of the warning time we would receive prior to a Soviet invasion of Poland. OSR and A/NIO/W believe we would have from 8-10 days warning. Clarke said that the whole warning issue is really scenario driven. []

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[] reported that [] NIO/WE, is retiring next week but would be kept on as a contractor for 90 days so he can complete work on a NIE. Mr. Carlucci said we may expect a lot of surprise retirements when employees take a closer look at the look-back provision. He also said that we must ensure that we look carefully at employing new annuitants for 90 days under contract so we don't have any abuses. []

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Fitzwater said that the 28 October retirement seminar drew about [] people and was a success. []

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Lipton said he and representatives from RMS and Legislative Counsel are going to meet today with congressional staffs to discuss the modalities of the transfer of funds for CA activities. He said that as a result of Mr. Carlucci's efforts with the NSC and OMB we would be able to transfer [] from NRO and in addition to a [] supplemental and the [] Reserve we would come close to the [] we need for ongoing activities. Mr. Carlucci said we can expect resistance from HAC but we have to acquaint them with the problem, which they helped cause by deleting our original request from the budget. Mr. Carlucci said that alternatively HAC could keep our request out of the appropriation and use the funds to increase the Reserve. []

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Wortman said that the program he initiated last year to cut down on delinquent travel advances was a success and that [] had been saved. []

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[] said we are maintaining a sharper collection focus on Jamaica and Nicaragua. Mr. Carlucci said we ought to do a survey of trouble spots which might erupt prior to the election and that we ensure that we have people available over the weekend to deal with any problems. []

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[] said there will be an NFIB on 4 November and a PRC(I) on 6 November to discuss the NFIP budget which will be on the order of []
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Mr. Carlucci raised the compensation issue and said we have to look at the overseas problem in a broader context, i.e., look at working conditions, etc. He said he hoped the DDA/DDO paper addressing the problem could be made broader. []

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Stein said that Ambassador Eagleberger told [] that he was concerned because no one was looking at Poland on a worst-case basis. Eagleberger said he was going to task the Belgrade Embassy to do a paper on what would happen to Yugoslavia if the Soviets invaded Poland. []

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